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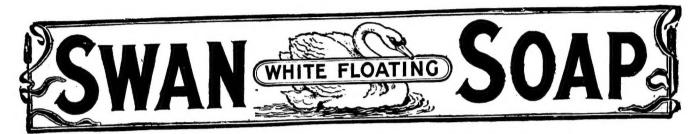
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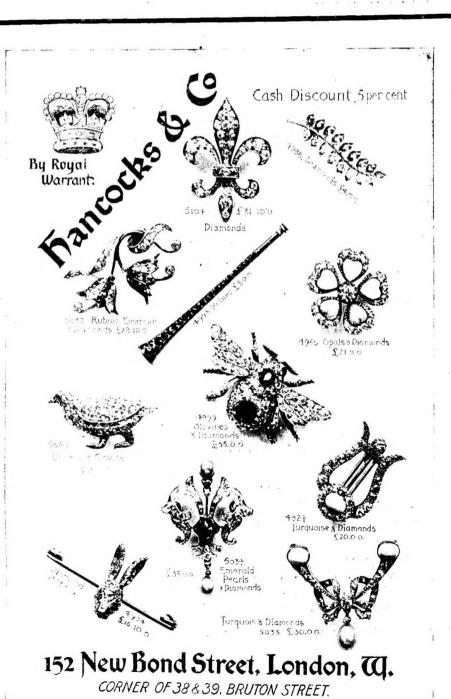


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The Annual Camp of the Battalion of Cadet Volunteers from the Public Schools is this year situated in the grounds of Government House, at Aldershot. The battalion took part last week in the great sham fight in which 10,000 troops were engaged, and the boys acquitted themselves very creditably. They evidently enjoy their life in camp, and, in the opinion of visitors, are having a very good time of it BOY SOLDIERS UNDER TRAINING AT ALDERSHOT: THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BATTALION IN CAMP

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The Bergen

THE precise significance to be attached to the German Emperor's visit to the French man-ofwar Iphigénie has been much discussed during Flirtation the past week in connection with M. Delcasse's visit to St. Petersburg. There is an order of

political students to whom all geese are swans. They are people who can never witness an act of international courtesy without speculating on the intentions, in a matrimonial sense, of the parties to it. They open their eyes widely over an Imperial "How d'ye do?" and straightway their tongues begin to wag of nothing less than alliances. So it has come to pass that the German Emperor's friendly visit to a French man-of-war has become the text for newspaper and magazine articles in this country, in which the probability of a Franco-German alliance has been gravely discussed, and harrowing pictures have even been drawn of an anti-British coa'ition of the Continental Powers. Russian newspapers, no wiser than our own, have become almost incoherent with jealousy, and have shrieked out to the Republic a parody of President Kruger's warning to the Uitlander-" No bigamy!" It has even been said that M. Delcasse's hurried visit to St. Petersburg was undertaken in order to assure Count Mouravieff that the Bergen incident was only a harmless flirtation, and was not to be taken seriously. All this is, of course, very absurd. No one who has mastered the alphabet of international politics need be assured that a Franco-German alliance is an impossibility. The bitterness of the Alsatian question has become modified during the last twentynine years, but it is there all the same, and we only have to look at the French and German literature of the Peace Conference to realise how impassable a barrier it still is between the two countries. Moreover, if France were to elect to abandon her claims on Alsace-Lorraine it would only be because she was anxious to prosecute some other claims elsewhere--say in Egypt. What warrant is there for believing that Germany would be disposed to join her in so hare-brained an adventure? If Germany is not so disposed, France is not likely to abandon her hopes on the Vosges, and those hopes are absolutely incompatible with any relations between the two Powers other than those of courtesy or, perhaps, platonic friendship. None the less we do not for a moment imagine that the Bergen incident is altogether of a transitory or accidental significance. It was a public event, and was intended to have a public menning. No doubt the intention was to show the world on the morrow of the Peace Conference that France and Germany are resolved to cultivate each other, and to place the interests of the general peace above their own differences. The incident marks a rapprochement of the same character as that which was brought about between Russia and Austria two years ago in regard to Balkan affairs. Neither Russia nor Austria have abandoned their aspirations in the Balkans, but they have resolved not to jeopardise the peace of the world by actively pursuing them. So it is now with France and Germany. The two Powers will endeavour to be friends in spite of Alsace. They will co-operate to consolidate the general peace. This, we take it, is the meaning to be attached to the amenities of Bergen. If they have not this meaning they have none at all, and that is only a degree less likely than the Alliance hypothesis.

It is one of the distinctive features of the pastimes of this year that while in England's national game of cricket a supremacy which is regarded almost as one of the pillars of the constitution is threatened by the Australians, the Scotch national game of golf has had to yield its championship to an English professional. Some critics may affect to see in the second of these things an explanation of the first - the reason for the English decline in cricket being taken to be that the new athletic generation is not content to play one game, but dissipates its energies among several. This ingenious theory, besides accounting for the decline of English supremacy in the summer game of cricket, owing to the successive introduction of lawn tennis, golf, and even of scientific croquet, could also be made to apply to recent English reverses at Rugby football, which has of late years paid an annual tribute of players to the inferior games of hockey and lacrosse. But the theory would not explain how it is that the Scotchmen have lost their supremacy at golf, for it is well known that they play no other game, and versatility has no charms for them. The truth is that what is at the bottom of the decline of several sports is the ubiquitous cycle, which monopolises more time and adherents than all other pastimes put together.

With another famine threatening Western and Central India, Lord Curzon has strong reason for endeavouring to reduce expenditure on frontier defence. It is true the Budget shows a substantial surplus which would be available for relief of the starving peasantry. But that balance and a good deal more would be swept away if the rate of exchange fell back to the figure at which it stood prior to closing the mints. The Viceroy only acts with common prudence, therefore, by re-arranging the military system of Borderland on a more economical basis. Nor is it open to dispute that gain of fighting strength will accrue to India at large from withdrawing the regular forces from the Samana,

Kuram, and other advanced posts. At these stations they are practically severed from the Indian army, and would not be readily available did danger threaten from any other point than the north-west. Where doubt comes in is as to the repetition of the experiment of entrusting the custody of these outposts and passes leading to them to local militia. There is no question about the pluck of the frontier tribes, but they are as treacherous as fanatical, and were religious fermentation to again affect Borderland, the new militia might prove as unfaithful to their salt as the Khyber Rifles did at the beginning of the Tirah campaign. That danger is to be attenuated by giving these new levies a larger number of British officers than has been sanctioned heretofore. But it may be doubted whether discipline would hold good for long did some Mahomedan priest of high repute preach the extermination of the infidels. At the time of the Mutiny the native troops in the service of the East India Company were amply supplied with white officers, but that did not hinder the sepoys from butchering these foreign commanders and their families as well.

The Court

THE Cowes festivities are over, and the Royal party at Osborne have returned to their ordinary quiet routine of life. The Queen remains in the Isle of Wight for a short time longer, but the Prince and Princess of Wales have gone, and both Princess Christian and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be leaving soon. Her Majesty will be glad of the change to the bracing Highland air, as hot weather does not suit her, and the heat has been very much felt at Osborne. However, the Queen has had much business to get through before the Court can leave for Balmoral. Besides the recent investiture, Her Majesty has conferred the Distinguished Service Order on three officers for gallantry in the Nile Expedition, and one non-commissioned officer for brave y on the Gold Coast. On Tuesday there was the last Council of the season for Her Majesty to sanction the prorogation of Parliament, and on Thursday evening the Queen was expected at Ashey Down, Sandown, 10 review the Portsmouth Infantry Brigade at their temporary camp Large dinner parties have be n the rule every evening, the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria joining the party as long as the Osborne was off Cowes, and most of the other guests being military or naval officials. Music entertained the guests after dinner, either a military band or solos on the piano or violoncello.

To such a keen yachtsman as the Prince of Wales the ill-success of his racing yacht during the Cowes week must have been dis-The Britannia was not in her usual good form, and did not win a single race, her best performance being to come in second to the German Emperor's Me eor for the Cowes Town Cup. However, the Prince was on board every day and enjoyed the sailing. He was also constantly at the Royal Squadron Castle, besides dining with various friends on board their yachts, such as the Comte de Castellane-who brought over his yacht Anna for the Coupe de France-in his splendid vessel Valhalla. The Prince spent Saturday to Monday with Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis-West at Newlands Manor, Milford-on-Sea, Hants, and on Tuesday the Prince and Princess with Princess Victoria crossed over to Portsmouth in the Osborne and went back to Sandringham, where Princess Maud had remained during their absence. Now the whole party go abroad—the Prince to Germany, the Princesses to Denmark. Owing to the death of her nephew, the Tsarevitch George, the Princess of Wales gave up her visit to Bayreuth and to the Duke and Duchess of Gumberland at Gmunden, and will go direct to Copenhagen. The Prince of Wales goes straight to Marienbad. After his cure he may pay a short visit to Homburg to see the Empress Frederick, who is spending the autumn at her Castle Friedrichshof close by.

All our Royal family will soon be scattered far and wide. The Duke and Duchess of York will be paying a good many visits, beginning next Tuesday with several days' stay with Lady Katherine Coke at Longford Hall, Hamilton, Derbyshire. Later they join the Queen at Balmoral, and whilst in Scotland will go to Drumlanrig Castle to stay with the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch—this visit having been put off last year owing to the death of the Queen of Denmark. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be in the North by the end of the month, so the Duke is going to Dundee on the 26th to open the Victoria Hospital and unveil a statue of the Queen. Princess Christian goes to Germany and Princess Louise to Switzerland, while the Duke of Cambridge is already at

Amidst general regrets, the Duchess of Albany and her son and daughter have left England to make their home in Germany, where the Duke will be training for his new position as heir to the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Since she came to England as a bride seventeen years ago, the Duchess of Albany has so thoroughly made herself an Englishwoman, and worked so zealously for charitable objects, that she will be greatly missed, espec ally round Claremont, One of her last acts was to visit the Esher National Schools, to say good-bye and to receive a deputation of Esher residents, headed the Rector, who brought an address thanking the Duchess for her help and interest. The Duchess hopes to come back to Claremont occasionally for short visits-especially for the work of the Deptford Fund, to which she is so devoted-and when the Duke comes of age three years hence she will return with her daughter to settle in England. Alargegathering of relatives attended the young Duke's confirmation at St. George's, Windsor. Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Beatrice, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and Frince Alexander of Battenberg care up for the ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of

The announcement that the German Emperor comes to England this autumn to stay with the Queen has been warmly welcomed. Probably Emperor William will not come over before the Queen returns to Windsor from Balmoral, and in that case it is hoped that the Empress will be sufficiently recovered from her late accident to accompany her husband. She is going on very well, but the injury to her aukle was so severe that recovery is slow.

En Parliament

By H. W. LUCY

In was understood, I believe, on the highest authority, that si William Harcourt would present him-elf on the second reading the Appropriation Bill, and lend a new joy to Bank Holiday discoursing on affairs in the Transvaal. It is true that on Thurin last week the matter had come up in special form. The Leaof the Opposit on had, gently it is true, criticised ministerial pass and Mr. Chamberlain had replied in one of his vigorous speed But Sir William Harcourt had contributed nothing to the decwas, indeed, not present during its progress. He would, so story ran, have a night all to himself.

Happily for Sir William Harcourt, not less than for the He of Commons, this intention, if ever cherished, was abanded Among the scanty numbers mustered in the House on Monday colossal figure of the ex-Leader of the Opposition was not in to His successor was also absent in the flesh, having carried. Merlenbad. Everything betokened a quiet, possibly a short sini-There was a time when the second reading of the Appropria-Bill marked one of the field nights of the Session. The Leader the Opposition seized the opportunity of passing in review Acts and the policy of the Ministry since the Queen's Speech was read. The Le der of the House replied, usually carrying war into the enemy's country. Thus the Session was were up with a brisk fight, and members went off with a light hear their holiday. The practice fell in desuetude whilst L. Hartington sat in the seat of the Leader of the Opposition. Bor to death himself he, at the end of the Session, infus at into review such measure of boredom that his successors shirked

But though the Leaders of the Opposition refrained from speed making on this once sanctified occasion, private members were to be denied. The peculiar charm of the Appropriation Bill in eyes of the average member is its limitless scope. Upon the s reading speeches may be male upon any earthly topic, on thing the heavens above, and in the waters under the earth.

To Sir Charles Dilke, whose high authority, not only on force affairs, but on home topics, has been well sustained through Session, was committed the honour of I ading off the debate. II interposition was ju-tified and rewarded by drawing from Mr. Brodrick an important statement with respect to policy in the Far East. It was odd to notice how erratic was the course debate. Sir Charles began by remarking that predominance of the South African question had a dangerous tendency, preventing people thinking about more important matters. Such matter a state of affairs in China, to which Sir Charles devocate a brief and pointed speech well designed to lead debate in that direction, more especially as the Transvaal had already had its turn.

Out of the Parliamentary debate the Transvaal business is as hard to be kept as was a certain Head from a particular Memorial that shall here be nameless. Lord Charles Beresford, who followed after a few remarks about China, trotted off to the Transvaal, and there dwelt for the remainder of his speech. Intermittently China thereafter reasserted itself, fragments jogging down the stream of debate in company with discussion on the Leicester Guardians and Vaccination, on Church of England children being called upon to attend a Nonconformist service, on the Toulon accident, on magazine extension at Portsmouth, on the hinterland of Sierra Leone on bloated armaments, on recruiting for the Army, on a delayed telegram in distressful Ireland, and on accidents in slate quarries.

This was tedious, tiresome, unproductive of anything but satisfied tion to the family circle of particular members and the wider range of their consituents. The sitting was redeemed from obscurity by the speech of the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. With increased responsibility Mr. St. John Brodrick has vastly improved as a speaker. He has learned to throw away the bladder of his makes and swims with unconstrained grace and strength. amongst our best debaters was happier than his rejoindet interruption that would have eml arrassed many men. Referring so Lord Charles Beresford's remarks, he credited him with desire to see an alliance of the Four Powers in the Far East carrying on the Open Door policy. Lord Charles protested that he had never spoken of an alliance. What he had in his mind was understanding among the Powers.

Accepting this correction, the Under Secretary went on to alla to Sir Charles Dilke's recommendation, which he spoke of as at alliance with Germany. Sir Charles was on his feet in a mome at amance with Germany. Sir Charles was on his feet in a mome at the had never used the word alliance. What he wished to see was Great Britain "acting in co-operation with" Germany. "To noble ford and the right hon, gentleman," said Mr. Brodrick, "ar both curiously auxious to avoid use of the word alliance. To Greek poet said of women, 'The best are those who are the less talked about.' Perhaps it is so with alliances." This led him the significant statement that when the British Foreign Officeremed to be acting all by itself at Public transfer region of the seemed to be acting all by itself at Public transfer regions. seemed to be acting all by itself at Pekin it was often voicing the opinion of other Powers.

The Appropriation Bill being read a second time, with the dam' approval of a residuum of a dozen members, there remained nothing but the formalities precedent to the prorogation which quietly took place on Wednesday. It is a little quaint to find ranged aure'd these the presentation of the Indian Budget. When new Ministres come in, full of hope and ardour, they usually undertake that the limitings of the Section 4. When they usually undertake and the limitings of the Section 4. When they usually undertake that the limitings of the Section 4. When they usually undertake that the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake that the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake that the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake that the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the Section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the limiting of the section 4. When they usually undertake the section 4. When they usually usually undertake the section 4. When they usually undertake the section 4. When they usually undertake the section 4. When they usually usually usually undertake the section 4. When they usually usually usually usually usually usually nored as to give early and has opportunity of discussing the Indian Budget. Ever it drifts alons to its old position, being stuffed in one of the interstices of the Appropriation Bill.

Accordingly, there being some hours to spare after questions at disposed of, the Indian Budget is brought in, and always the sanhalf-dozen men make long speeches to empty benches. This is really not so bad as it looks. When joint stock companies are doing a steady, prosperous business the attendance of shareholders at the half-yearly meetings is depressingly small. They know all is some all the state of the state going well, and are satisfied. So it is with India and the House of Commons.

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HE Right Rev. David Lewis Lloyd, late Bishop of Bangor, died last week, was one of the youngest Bishops on the bench. 1. Jebruary last year he was suddenly struck down by paralysis, at the end of the year he was obliged to resign his See. Bishop was the son of Mr. John Lloyd, of Penywern, Cardiganshire, was born in 1844. He was educated at Lampeter Grammar and, and from that school he won a scholarship at Jesus College,



THE LATE RIGHT REV. D. LEWIS LLOYD, D.D. Late Bishop of Bangor

Oxford, where he took a second class in Classical Moderators in 1864, and a second in "Greats" in 1866. He began life by accepting a mastership at Dolgelly Grammar School in 1867, in which year he was ordained In 1873 he was appointed head master of the Friar's School, Bangor, which he left in 1878 on his election to the head-mastership of Christ's College, Brecon. In 1890 B shop Campbell resigned the See of Bangor, and Dr. Lloyd was appointed Bishop in his stead. Bishop Lloyd's wide knowledge of Welsh educational affairs, and the fact that he was not identified with any party movement in the Church, caused his appointment to a Welsh See to be generally considered a wise step. He was a capable administrator, and to the last he continued to render good service to the cause of Welsh education.

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CHAPTER XIII.

OUT OF THE SNARE

IN a moment Winefred was surrounded by men. There was something alarming in their appearance, with blackened faces.

One, a tall vigorous fellow, apparently young, stood forward and questioned her.

"What! Winefred Marley?"

"Yes-I want to speak to Captain Rattenbury. Where is he?"

"He is not here. I am his son."

"Jack!—You! Your father has been betrayed. I overheard the officer from Lyme arranging to take you all. He has sent for the soldiers. He knows that you are to meet the carts at Heathfield Cross."

"When did you hear this?"

"To-day—some hours ago—on the beach, below the station. I was behind a rock, and they did not see me."

"Why did you not speak of this before?"

"Your father was not at home, or I would have done so. I waited, expecting every hour to see him come in. Now I have run

awity whilst mother is askep."
"You are a brave, good girl," said the young man. He turned to the men. "What is to be done?" he asked.

"We must go back," said one or two.
"You must not go back," exclaimed Winefred. "Indeed you must not; the soldiers are on the road from Musbury."

"Then forward." "That will not do. The coastguard in force are watching at

Heathfield Cross." The men were silent.

After some consideration, in a d

but one course open. We must creep along the lanes to Hay and Buckland, and stow our goods wherever we can."

"Do you think that possible? I suspect that they are drawing in from east and west, and have taken the precaution to stop all the earths to the north."

Winefred knew by the voice that the man who spoke was David

Nutall, to whom she had taken the captain's letter.
"I know they will have done that," she said. "I heard them say as much. They intended drawing a net round you, and leaving you no way of escape save over the cliffs into the sea."

Again an anxious silence ensued. Then one asked: "Jack! how about the undercliff? Has not your father got runs and ratholes there that would contain us all?"
"No," answered the young man. "He is too wary for that. He

knows that the very first place that would be searched would be his

"There is something in that. Then there is no help for it; we must drop our goods-there in yonder plantation I advise, and get

away singly as best we may." "We shall be caught and detained till the whole of this bit of country has been put through the sieve, and if they find the tubswe are done for.

"It is a bad job."

"I vote we fight rather than lose our goods."

"There are too many. We should be overpowered." "I do not relish losing everything without making an effort to

break through." "I can tell you what to do," said the girl, "and also where you

may conceal everything."
"Where is that?"

"To-day I saw that the cliff has parted under mother's cottage. The rock is torn in half, and I climbed the crack from the beach to the top. Where I went up you can go down. The crack is quite new and is narrow. At the end it is chocked with earth and stones. If you have ropes you can lower the kegs and then steal away by the coast, and by water to Beer. Then let the soldiers and the rest draw together; they will take neither you nor what you are carrying. They will not know what has become of you. No one knows of this hiding place but myself—there was none a week ago, only some cracking of the surface that tumbled down our wall."

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"If the soldiers do come along the roads from all sides they will meet to shake hands, that is all," said Winefred. "I should laugh The men consulted in an undertone. to see their faces."

"The girl is right," said Jack. "Winefred, lead the way at

Then again the men formed in line, and she, walking beside the

Then again the men formed in line, and said, walking beside the young man, headed the procession.

"But where is the captain?" she asked.

"No occasion to be alarmed about him," answered Jack. "Trust to his eleveness. They can do nothing with him if he has nothing in his carts. He is going, he will say, to fetch hay from Axmouth which he has contracted to deliver at Lyme."

Whosfeed had the way, partly along lanes, partly over hedges,

Winefred led the way, partly along lanes, partly over hedges, through gates, under the boughs of the young firs. She was fearless now; her only care was not to stumble on any of the preventive

She laughed in her heart to think that she who had lectured Jack against smuggling should herself be involved in one of these illegal ven ures. But what she was doing was not for the sake of gain, but in discharge of a debt of gratitude.

Jack, however, was ill at ease. He did not relish the business on which he was engaged, and he was drawn into it solely by obligations to his father, who needed his services at the time, which was

As he walked along he considered the magnitude of the risks he ran, imprisonment and its consequences, the closing against him of

every honourable profession. Should he escape, then he was firmly resolved never again to engage in such a transaction, not, however, because of its danger, but because it was repugnant to his tastes rather than not con-

sonant with his principles. The old man had been associated with the trade all his days, took a pride in it, he could not leave the groove, did not desire to do so, looked on his profession as manly and honourable. He had no wish, no thought, but that Jack should continue in it, but carry it on upon a grander scale, and it was with this in view that he was furnishing him with a fast sailing cutter. But Jack felt a repugnance against deliberately, at the outset, entering on a career that placed him in antagonism with the laws of his country. Of moral scruple he had not an atom, nor did any moral objection enter into the composition of Winefred's dislike to the trade. His objection was founded on inexpediency. Hers on the business being one of "hole and corner," as she termed it.

"No," said Jack, half to himself, "never again."
"What—never again?" asked Winefred in a whisper.

He did not answer. He was not responsible to her for his thoughts.

"lack," said she in a low tone, "why did you come out tonight?"
"Why," he answered, "for one reason, because you told me not

"Even when her advice is good."

"Yes. Because she orders one way, there is something in him that forces him to go contrary."

"I always thought that men were fools," said Winefred. "Now you tell me they are so, and I believe you with all my heart. Women are men's good angels."

"That you are to-night, Winney."

He looked at her trudging by his side in the uncertain light, and he thought how much he owed to her. It was she, and she alone, who was leading him out of the toils.

But for her intervention, in another half-hour he would have been in the hands of the officers of the Crown.

The men did not speak, and Winefred comprehended that it was not for her to break the silence. The train had crossed the brook, and was now mounting the

hillside that led to the downs which overhung the sea. The growl of the waves became more audible. Presently they were on the common, crossing it as a black worm,

aiming at one point towards which Winefred led confidently.

"We shall need a light," she whispered.
"Not on the cliff. We should attract attention."

"No, in the chasm. I am not a fool; why should you consider me one?"

"When we reach the place-

"We are almost there now. Walk cautiously. If one were to fall over it would be worse than falling into the hands of the guard. Bid them halt.

Jack elevated both his arms, and the convoy stood still.

With precaution, observing every yard of ground in front of her, All at once she stopped dead, looked back and said-"Hist!

Here is the crack. Do not come to the edge lest it break away."

Jack Rattenbury stepped up to her, and she showed him the mouth of the rcnt. He could see a black irregular stain; in the fee'ble light it did not show as a gulf. It might have been ink run over the turf-but ink in floods. How deep it was he could not conjecture, for it showed no depth, only level blackness. "How far down?" he asked.

"To the very level of the beach," she answered, "except at the nd where the tear begins, and there it is choked with ea stone that has crumbled and tumbled in. You will not be able to carry the kegs down, the slope is steep as a spire, and is broken in places by bits of rock, and in others soft as dough. You must lower

"Rope!" ordered Jack, turning to the man nearest. Then, "Some one will have to descend."

"That will I," said the girl, "but I must have a light."

"It is surely unsafe for you to attempt it."

"Not at all. I have climbed it. I know what it is like. I have led you so far. I will go through with my enterprise. Let me have

One was passed to young Rattenbury.

Winefred stepped along the fringe of the rent till she reached its

"I can descend here in safety," she said, "but it is not easy work, and a heavy man might sink in the rubbish; see, I am over the edge already. When I am lower down I will light the lantern. It is a little difficult at first to descend, but it becomes easier further down. Do not fear for me. I learned how to do it to-day-I mean

yesterday. It is past midnight now. You shall follow me after you have lowered the casks.

She disappeared into the black chasm. It made the heart of the oung man stand still for a moment. He expected to hear a heavy Then a white hand was extended out of it, and he let her take the lantern.

" Is there room for me also?" he asked.

"No; it is steep and narrow. Give me flint and steel."

In another moment he saw a flutter of sparks, then a glow that brightened as the girl breathed on the ignited tinder. Finally came a burst of yellow flame. She had kindled the candle, and this slie at once inserted in the lantern.

Now only could he see the wall of the chasm, and the flintstones glistening in it like eyes. Below all was impenetrable darkness. "Have no fear," said Winefred, cheerfully, and began the

descent.

Jack watched the light as it danced down. It was seen here, then there, as she circumvented some fallen block that had lodged and wedged itself in the chasm. Then b ldly she mounted another, and leaped down from it. Next moment she was struggling through soft chalk like a snowdrift. Then a shoot of stones was sent bounding down the incline, dislodged by her feet. Jack dared not lean over lest he should occasion some of the friable chalk of the edge to give way and fall upon her.

The star diminished in size. Now it was invisible, then only discernible by the faint glow it east on the walls. Anon it flashed forth once more. It seemed to Jack as though an hour had passed before the light became stationary, and a voice, confused by the echo of the sides, came up to him, "I am at the bottom, lower the

kegs." "Stand back," shouted Jack in reply, "lest the falling stones

crush you." "I will go to the mouth," answered Winefred. "But I leave

the light where it is. Lower at once,"

"No," called Jack; "not so, lest the light be extinguished. Put the light on one side out of risk."

Winefred guessed rather than heard what he said, and she placed the lantern in the cave she had observed on her ascent. By this means it was sheltered from stones that might be dislodged and fall. But where it was it cast a halo upon the white wall opposite.

As soon as Jack conceived that Winefred was beyond reach, he bade the men pass a rope through the loops attached to the kegs, one after the other, and let them down into the abyss. When the slackening of the cord assured him that a cask was lodged, then he cast down one end and drew the rope up to lower another in a similar manner. He would not venture to do this with more than one man at a time to stand on the edge and let down the butts. The operation was consequently somewhat slow, nevertheless it was in time brought to a conclusion, and then he told the men that they must descend at the extremity of the rift, reach the shore, and make the best of their way home. By means of the ferryboat all could cross. On the morrow, at about the same hour, they would return and move the goods and dispose of them as seemed most advisable, after he had consulted with his father.

The men could descend only singly, lest one following another

should send down stones on him who preceded him. Then Jack leaped into the chasm and vanished.

The men looked at each other.
Said one to his mate, "I think I shall slip over the downs."
"Aye," said a second. "I had rather risk the chance of running

into the mouths of the sharks than go down yonder."

"And I," said a third, "shall turn into the straw in Bindon barn, and lie there till daylight. I am not disposed to go underground without the assistance of the undertaker."
"We have our orders," said one of the young Nutalls.
"That's right, my boy," spoke old David. "Follow me," and

he went over the side. Jack Rattenbury descended step by step in the darkness. It was

a difficult and dangerous downward climb, to be executed only with extreme caution, but he achieved it. He had not, however, reached the bottom before he was greeted

by Winefred, who had taken the lantern and held it so as to assist "Look," she said. "Here at the side is a little cavern. I have

already rolled in two of the kegs. When the men are down we will stow the lot in there."

Slowly, and in single file, the men arrived, with a few

"Make haste and get away," said Winefred. "This has been a longer business than I thought. Leave me the light, and I will dowse it at the least alarm. I can get the kegs in, and no one can see them when there?" see them when there."

"You are a brave girl," said Jack. "I thank you, and you shall be well rewarded."

"I want no reward," she answered, "except this, that you say I won't to what I bade before—when I said Don't."

"Well-I won't. I swear it. This is the last time."

CHAPTER XIV.

BURIED ALIVE . . .

"You cannot stay liere alone," said Jack, "I will remain with you,"

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"You must rejoin your men. Leave me. Your way is to the mouth of the Axe, and mine—I will go along the beach till I reach the path to the station—no, I dare not go that way. Some of the angry and disappointed men might meet and question me-Why out at night? I would confess nothing, but they might suspect something and search along the shore and find this rent. I will climb up by the way I came down and get home as fast as may be after I have got the kegs rolled into the cave and concealed."

"I do not like to desert you here at this hour."

"Time with you is precious. With me it is only a matter of concern to relieve my mother's anxiety and alarm should she chance to wake and miss me."

The young man laid his hands on the girl's shoulders. "Winefred, I shall never forget what you have done for me to-night. I cannot find words in which to thank you, but my heart

" Well, go."

"Good-night, Winefred. Henceforth we are free but friends."

" Yes, till we quarrel."

"For that there must be an occasion."

Then he started.

She listened as his feet displaced the publics on the and. She listened till the roar of the inrolling tide drowned h. ... Then she went back into the chasm.

The lantern still threw a sickly light on the white a " | posite, She had to pick her way among the kegs that to aistral the floor, and lift or roll them up a heap of soil before at wh of the cave. The barrels were happily small. A tuburan of them, one slung at his back and the other in front is and a pair They were heaped up where they had lodged on their hops of rope attached to each, and inseparable trong . s the tuls, loops furnished by the dealers in France who constant da spirits to the smugglers—these greatly facilitated the transler.

Winefred got several into the cave where they have on the entrance. The girl entered and busied herself at

them along the side. Then she left the natural, improvised cellar, and tlinunced rolling and hauling the casks. The cave, as she trued, had been severed in half; a portion of it certainly penetral arrangh the portion of the cliff that had split away from the man looked and saw the crown of the arch just showing a. on the further side of the chasm, at a considerably has at rel, thus proving that the separated bulk had sunk in splitting or.

She examined the small opening that showed, the same see if it were feasible to stow any of the tubs there, are so dwinter the labour of rolling or carrying them uphill. She threw is a stone, and it fell, rolling over, indicating that the floor of the portion of the cavern was tilted at a steep incline.

Satisfied that it would not do for her to attempt to be any of the tubs in there she resumed her toil of carrying than a the upper cavern. She worked on diligently, but the work was trying, and she became exhausted and hot. Then she seated herself and wiped her face with her sleeve,

The smell of the spirits pervaded the air and made har goldy. As soon as she had recovered her breath she rose, and, finding the entrance again encumbered, she again went within to told the casks against the sides. That she might see where to place them she planted the lantern in the middle. She counted the keys. She had ranged more than half the entire number, but she doubted whether she would have strength to store all. Moreover, she was becoming anxious to go home lest her mother should discover her absence. Not only was this so because of the alarm into which Mrs. Madey would be thrown by her disappearance, but also because, should she also her, she would assuredly rush forth and rouse the neighbourhood to search for her, and this, under the circumstances, might lead to detection

of her part in the rescue. Stirred by this thought, she took up the lantern to a same her task, when-with a rush and a rattle-down came a mass of chalkrubble and soil from above.

Happily the fall took place without the cave in the chism, so that none of it touched Winefred. She was, however, fright and. She stood holding the lantern, breathless, expectant of more, waiting till the cataract should cease.

Considerably alarmed though she was, she did not at the moment suppose that her position was endangered. She congratulated herself that she was under cover when the avalanche occurred. Had she been outside the cave she would have been struck down and buried by the fallen masses.

Owing to the feeble light diffused by the candle through the horn sides, she was unable to see far and discover the extent or the fall. It was some minutes before she ventured to approach the charance. There were stones on the floor that had not been there being, and she was able to distinguish a bank of earth where had bee the cave door. Moreover a strong smell of brandy, far stronger to before. pervaded the air.

Dread came over her, like a cold wave rolling down on and enveloping her—a dread lest the mouth might be choice. It was an imperious necessity for her at once to ascertain wa emained any way of escape.

She threw open the door of the lantern to afford a beliefit. and then she saw that a mass of rubble mounting to summit encumbered the entrance, and apparently completely chok Winefred found that she must climb this; she did so:

rolling down the pieces of chalk and marl and sand before She thrust the lantern before her, to see it any gianthrough and reflected itself against the further wall of She looked to see if any indraught caused the flame to wave to

The earth and stone were heaped dense to the very sais and to what a depth above the mouth of the cave without it as impossible for her to conjecture.

To add to her terror and bewilderment, the funes of the became stronger and more pungent, stupefying her brain stones in falling had stove in some of the barrels, and their oozed forth.

Winefred's heart stood still for a moment as she realises. eaning of her situati

Then she staggered down the heap and retreated to the recess of the cave, set the lantern before her, looked into a split and for a moment became the prey of despair.

But Winefred was young, energetic and brave. She she

How long would that last? How long would it be here stay

But when daylight came, none would penetrate into this said where she was interred alive. Vet, possibly there might and rift, some evolut below the said. rift, some eyelet hole through which it might enter and i day way of escape.

What was the time?

She put her hand to her belt for the watch that had be asserted

her. It was not there. She had not brought it with h.t.

She left the lantern where it was and went again to the contract the and worked with hands and feet to roll down and tear threak the dead mass of rubble. She worked on till she was blinder and sweat and tears, till her head whirled, till her powers were taking and there are and then she recled back to the depths of the cave to see the wick of the candle fallen over and burn uncertainly in the melted great

She put her hand to it.

It went out.

Then she threw herself forward on her hands, gasping, her pulse

leaping, her brain swimming.

"I am buried alive!" she cried. "Oh, mother! what will she think? What will she do?" Her hands gave way, she fell on her face, and consciousness deserted her.

(To be continued)

The Theatres

BY W. MOY THOMAS

THE great heats furnish a sufficient explanation of the fact that more theatres of the higher class than usual have remained this year with closed doors during Bank holiday week. The LYCEUM, DRURY LANE, COVENT GARDEN, HER MAJESTY'S, the HAY-MARKET, the GARRICK, the ST. JAMES'S, the ADELPHI, the STRAND, the GAIETY, the VAUDEVILLE, the COMEDY, the OPERA COMIQUE, the PRINCE OF WALES'S, TERRY'S, the DUKE OF YORK'S, DALY'S, the ROYALTY and the OLYMPIC have all been out of the running, and the only West End houses which maintained the unequal contest with the sultry atmosphere maintained the unequal contest with the surfly atmosphere of August have been the Globe with The Gry Lord Quex, the Court with Wheels Within Wheels, the Savor with H.M.S. Pinafore and Trial by Jury, the Avenue with Pot Pourri, the Shaffesbury with The Belle of New York, the Crit Rich with The Wild Rabbi, and the Lyric with the new American comic opera El Capitan,

Far other has it been in the suburbs, where playgoers appear to be of a hardier race, or, at least, to take less account of the "skyey influences." Far and wide in the suburbs and outer fringes of London, and not only in the magnificent new play-houses like the PRINCESS OF WALES'S at Kennington, and

the Coroner at Notting Hill, but in their older rivals—the Surrey, the Pavilion, the GRAND at Islington, and the BRITANNIA, dramatic entertainments have been in brisk demand, as betokened by the fact that nearly every one of these houses gave on Monday last both an afternoon and an evening performance. The SHAKE TEARE at Clapham Junction, indeed, as well as the BROADWAY Theatre, Deptford, and MORTON's Theatre at Greenwich even ventured on Monday to produce new romantic dramas, or rather romantic dramas which, though they had I een played in the country, were new to L ndon.

An American dramatic critic, who, like Burns's friend, Captain Grose, has been among us "takin' notes," has put forth an energetic appeal for more generous treatment of the playgoer of humble means who is compelled to be content with a seat in what are called the popular parts of the house. Our censor confesses himself at a loss to discover why these parts should be popular seeing that so much pains are taken to make the pittite and galleryite uncomfortable. The pit entrance, he tells us, is generally a shabby little inlet down a back street, and conducting to a prisonlike, stony, gloomy, ill-smelling passage; what is worse, the pit itself-once the favourite resort of the critical spectator-has now shrunk to a few rows of uncomfortable benches, on which a seat can only be won by weary waiting at the doors, followed by a struggle in narrow corridors.

THE many admirers of the late Mr. John Gülich, R.I., who for many years was on the artistic staff of *The Graphic*, will be greatly gratified to learn that Sir Henry Tate has purchased his last work exhibited at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, and

has presented it to the national collection at Millbank. The picture has been accepted by the trustees, and will be shortly added to the other examples of British art which are already in the galleries.

The Nate Queen Downger of Pawaii

THE last mail from Hawaii brought particulars of the death and funeral of Kapiolani, Queen Consort of King Kalakaua. The late Queen was an excellent type of the civilised Hawaiian. She had visited the United States and Europe, and was in London during the Jubilee celebrations in 1887. After her husband's death she lived in retirement, and rarely appeared at any official function. It is said that when Hawaii was annexed in 1897 by the United States



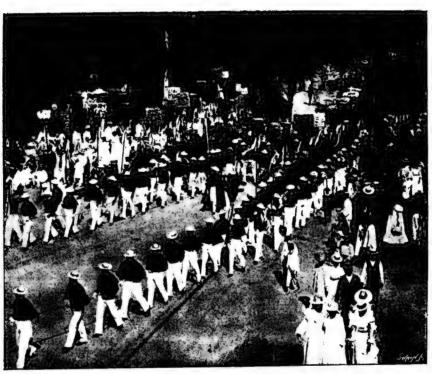
THE LATE QUEEN DOWAGER OF HAWAII

regretted the loss of her country's independence, and her grief affected her health. She was much beloved by the people, and her death has been sincerely mourned.

Kapiolani bitterly

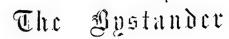
After lying in State at Waikiki for some time, the body of the Queen was conveyed to the old Stone Church at Kawaiho. There it was received by thousands of natives, who had

gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to their former



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION

Oueen. The funeral was one of the grandest pageants ever seen in the islands of the Pacific. The procession included some 7,000 people. The Service, which was according to the Anglican ritual, was conducted by the Bishop of Honolulu.



"Stand by."-CAPTAIN CUTTLE

By J. ASHBY-STERRY

YEs, I am pretty well, thank you, considering all things. Especially considering that the temperature where I am now writing is Ninety in the Shade. Such a state of hings is too uncommon for prose. Let me sing!

How doth the busy Bystander improve each shining hour, By doing nothing all the day with all his well-known power! How he delights to dream and muse, how well he likes to laze, To loll and loaf, to wink and blink through sultry summer days! En-hammocked how he loves to swing, and joyfully perceives The lilt of lightsome lyrics in the music of the leaves And, swinging to the leafy lay, in garments white arrayed, Finds life is mighty pleasant though it's Ninety in the Shade! In broiling August weather he has lost all thought of time, His brain is scarcely strong enough to count the village chime! For he feels inclined to slumber, to meditate and dream To lullaby of leafage and the singing of the stream:

He says it's much too hot to read and far too hot to talk, Too hot to think, too hot to write, and much too hot to walk! While every phase of duty he'll most carefully evade, When the noonday sun is blazing and it's Ninety in the Shade! When you should be up and doing, how pleasant 'tis to moon,

And steadi'y do nothing all a summer afternoon, But slowly swing and ponder in your hammock 'neath the trees, While lazily you're longing for a breath of cooling breeze: How dreemily you wonder why all duties are forgot, And wonder why you wonder, when the weather is so hot!— Then the big dew-clouded tankard wins a welcome in the glade, And you quaff from boraged beakers when it's Ninety in the Shade!

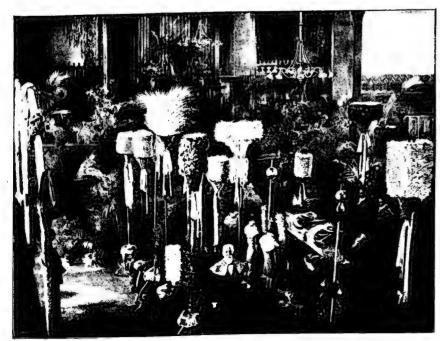
Well, well-I am inclined to think that, at any rate during the present delightful weather, my title should be changed and I should be called the Byswinger. It is all very fine to

sing about duties being forgot. I find this only lasts a little while, and, despite the tropical weather, I am at last compelled to roll out of my hammock and strive to attend to business. Here goes!

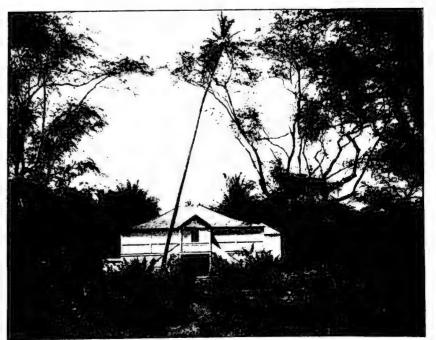
Is cycling good for the temper? I should be inclined to think not, if I may judge from the vituperative letters I receive whenever I venture to hint that all cyclists are not angels on wheels. But in spite of this I might venture to humbly suggest that some arrangement should be made for the control and accommodation of cycles when they are not absolutely on the road. Anyone who has been at a crowded railway station during the present holiday month will bear witness to the way in which inoffensive passengers are punched and prodded by awkward corners of machines being pushed by thoughtless owners in all directions. The other day I saw a cycle placed close in front of the bookstall, keeping other customers at a distance, while its proprietor had a free read of the publications there displayed. Possibly even my cycling friends will admit this was carrying the liberty of the wheel a little too far.

Everyone is getting a bit sick of the cricket craze, and I am not surprised at it after reading the report in the papers that the popular game is frequently nowadays played in the streets of London, and that broken windows and general inconvenience has been the result. It is satisfactory to find that the police have received stringent orders to promptly check any further enthusiasm in this direction, and that, at any rate, at present there is no chance of Bond Street being closed on

account of the match between the Diddlewick Daisycutters and the Berkshire Bailclearers, or of Regent Street being rendered impassable by reason of an exciting contest between the Leicestershire Lawnmowers and the Wobl leton Willow-wielders.



THE LYING-IN-STATE AT WAIKIK.



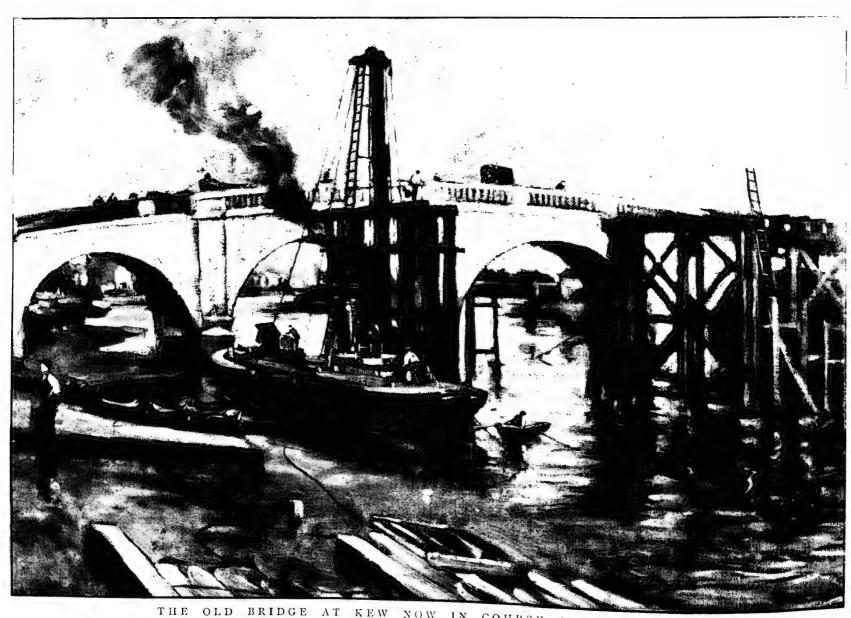
THE HOUSE WHERE THE QUEEN DIED



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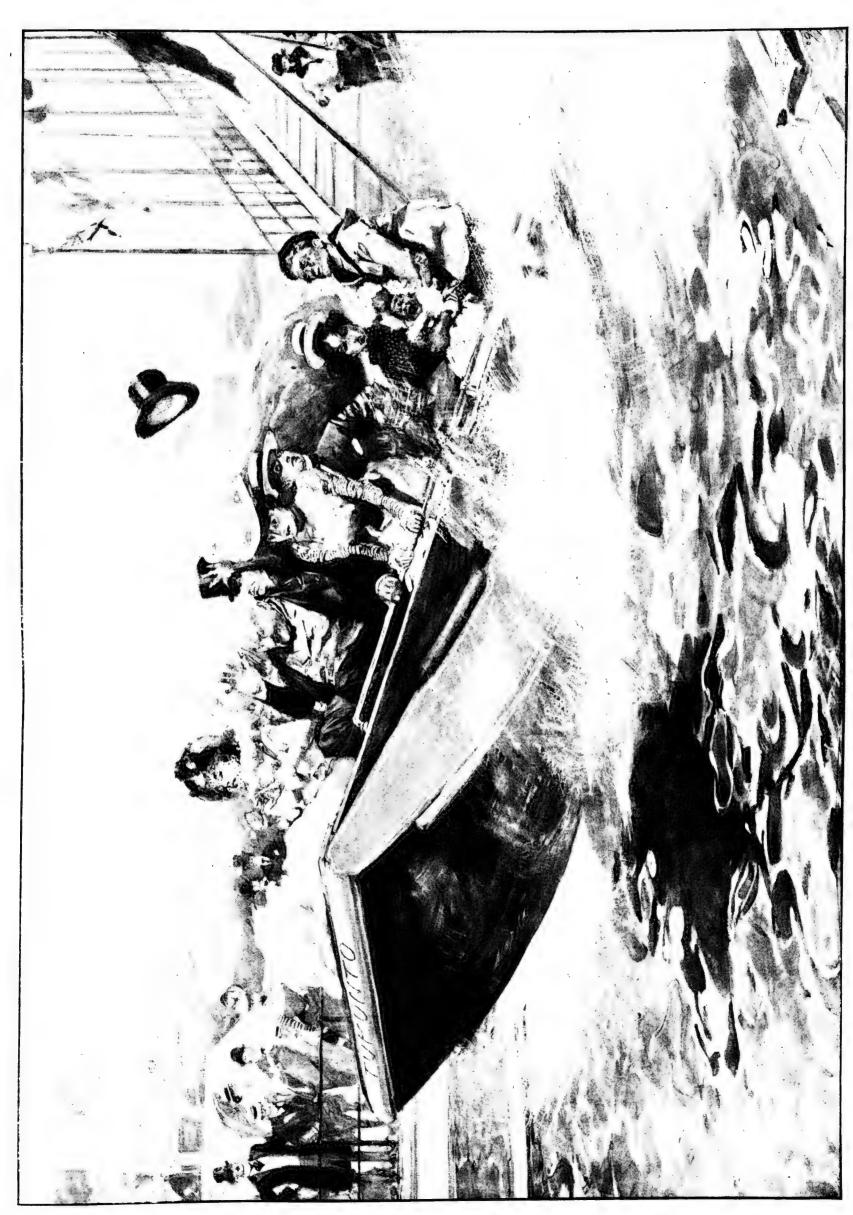
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A FIELD DAY WITH THE AMBULANCE CORPS AT METZ: PLAITING HAY FOR STRETCHERS $T\,H\,E\quad R\,E\,D\quad C\,R\,O\,S\,S\quad I\,N\quad T\,H\,E\quad G\,E\,R\,M\,A\,N\quad A\,R\,M\,Y$



THE OLD BRIDGE AT KEW NOW IN COURSE OF DEMOLITION

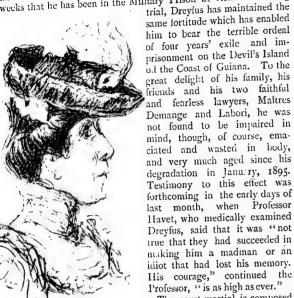
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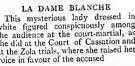


THE GREAT CANADIAN WATER CHUTE AT THE GREATER BRITAIN EXHIBITION AT EARL'S COURT A POPULAR UNTERTAINMENT IN LONDON

The Court-Maxtial on Preyfus at

THE second trial of Captain Dreyfus was commenced on Monday last in the Salle des Fêtes of the Lycée at Rennes. During the five weeks that he has been in the Military Prison at Rennes awaiting





The court-martial is composed as follows:-Colonel Jouaust, of This mysterious lady dressed in white figured conspicuously among the audience at the court-martial, as she did at the Court of Cassation and at the Zola trials, where she raised her voice in favour of the accused the Engineers, President; Lieutenant - Colonel Brongniart, of the 4th Regiment of Artillery; Commandant Profillet, voice in favour of the accused of the 10th Infantry; Commandant Merle, Captain Lancrau de Bréon, and Captain Beauvais,

of the 7th Artillery; and Captain Parfait, of the 3rd Artillery. The Government issued instructions in the form of an official note stating that the object of the instructions given to the Government Commissary (Major Carrière) attached to the court-martial was to define the points on which, by virtue of the judgment of the Court of Cassation, he was bound to insist, and those which the authority of the chose jugee did not permit the Court to discuss without going beyond its rights and risking the annulment of its procoedings as void and the re-opening of the trial. The instructions also defined the legal conditions determining the summoning of witnesses at the instance of the Public Prosecutor; and, finally, although the War Minister had a right to indicate to the Public Prosecutor written conclusions, the most complete liberty in that respect was left to the Government Commissary.

These preliminaries having been arranged, the trial commenced early on Monday morning in the hall of the Lycée, of Rennes, before an audience of some 600 people, of whom more than half were members of the Press, French and foreign. At a few minutes after seven the Court appeared. The witnesses, among whom were M. Casimir-Perier, ex-President of the Republic, Colonel Picquart, M. Cavaignac, ex-War Minister, the experts in handwriting, and the officers of the Headquarter Staff of 1894, were already in their places to answer to their names. Dreyfus then entered the Court, an entrance, says one of the eye-witnesses, which caused a thrill as of an apparition of one risen from the dead. Freet and calm, he saluted, took his seat, and then, after the formal documents had been read, in reply to the President, who, turning to him, but not looking him straight in the face, said: "Accused, stand up," Dreyfus faced his judges for the second

The President: "You are accused of the crime of treason in having delivered to the agent of a foreign Power documents enumerated in a document called the fordercau. The law gives you the right to say all that is useful for your defence, and I warn your defenders that they must express themselves with decency and moderation." Colonel Jouanst then read out the bordercau, and went on: "This document has already been brought before you. Do you acknowledge it? Dreyfus: "It was brought before me in 1894. As for acknowledge it, I affirm that I do not. I affirm again that I am innocent, as I have already affirmed in 1894. I have borne all for five years, Colonel; I bore all for the honour of my name and my children. I am innocent, Colonel."

The President: "Then you deny the charge?"

Dreyfus: "Yes, Colonel."

The President then questioned Dreylus on each of the documents mentioned in the bordercau. To all the questions put to him during the brusque interrogatory of Colonel Jouanst, Dreyfus replied without hesitation, denying, explaining and refuting

the questions one by one.

Questioned as to the alleged confession made to Captain Lebrun-Renault at his degradation, Dreyfus said: "That conversation was a soliloquy. I said, "I am innocent." I felt that there was a crowd there to whom they were about to show a man whom they thought had committed the most abominable crime that a soldier can commit. I wished to cry out to them, "It is not I whom are guilty." I said: "I will cry out my innocence in face of the people," and, I added, "the Minister well knows it."

At the end of the interrogatory the President asked Major Carrière, the Government Commissary, whether he had anything to say as to the communication to the Court of the secret dossier. Major Carrière replied that the communication of secret dossiers ought to be made with closed doors--" dans un huis clos absolu "-and he proposed to the court-martial to vote on the question that on the following day the secret dessier of the Ministry of War and the diplomatic asssicr of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be communicated with closed doors, and that the public sittings should be suspended for four days. The Court retired to consider the point, and, on returning, the result was announced as in favour of closed doors by five votes to two.

The Court then rose.

Dreyfus, on returning to prison, changed his uniform, and, after resting for an hour on his bed, engaged in work connected with the

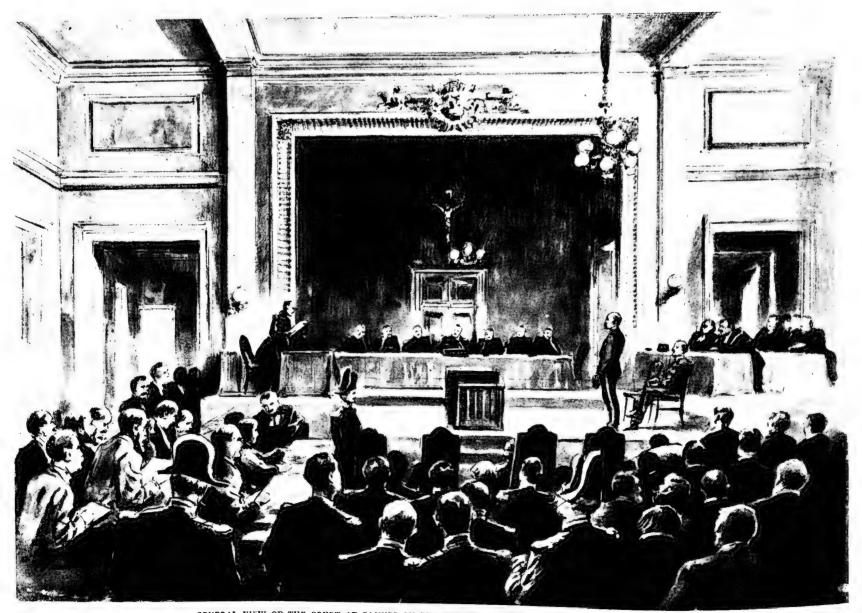
trial. He wrote down on paper the different points on which he believes he has still to be questioned. The only thing, i. said, which worried him was that he did not know what went to shown him at the secret sitting,

The huis clos, or sittings in camera, for the examinate. I the secret documents of the dossier will, it is expected, stance throughout the present week.



One of the Brnk Holiday entertainments at the Crystal Palace was a balloon ascent by Mr. Spencer, who had with him two companers. All went well with the balloon until it was well over the grounds, when it was seen that it had a serious rent and was collapsing. Ballast was thrown in large quantities, but the balloon continued to descend. Ultimately a grazed the side of a house in Victoria Read, Gipsy Hill, and some of the upper part of it got entangled in the chimney stack. Mr. Spence and his companions escaped unburt, except for a severe shaking. The collapsed balloon is shown in our illustration, which is from a plate graph by P. Hargreaves

THE ACCIDENT TO THE CRYSTAL LALACE BALLOON



GENERAL VIEW OF THE COURT AT RENNES ON THE OPENING DAY: THE ACCUSED DEING EXAMINED





A FAMILY PORTRAIT



"Place aux Bames"

BY LADY VIOLET GREVILLE

This year, the railway companies declare, has been a greater exodus north than ever before. This is a good thing and as it should be. Why do people on their holidays invariably neglect their own country, and take long hot journeys only to find heat and discomfort abroad? If they are in search of health, where can it be better obtained than at Cromer, Malvern, or llfracombe, or, better still, on the breezy moors of Scotland, where the scenery, the wild flowers, and the people offer a complete contrast? Millionaires are wise enough to realise this, and Scotch shootings are snapped up readily enough by Americans and others. There is no life so wholesome as the long day on the moor or beside the salmon river. Of necessity the meals are simpler, the hours earlier, life less rigid. The golf links offer attractions to those who cannot afford expensive shootings, and the hostelries beside the lakes are as well plenished and comfortable as any foreign hotels. Then, too, one falls into a second summer of roses, fruit, and vegetab es, one fattens on fresh green peas and strawberries to the accompaniment of grouse and venison. Decidedly those are wise who, following the example of our Queen, love Scotland, and gain fresh strength and vigour in the Highland breezes.

If one had ever doubted whether muzzles irritate and depress dogs and alter their entire nature, one would realise it immediately upon entering the region of liberty. The happy impudence of the unmuzzled dog, the gay way in which he runs and snifts and gallops along, his mouth always well wide open, and his red tongue lolling happily out of his jaws, showing the milk-white teeth, are as different from the dejected mien of the muzzled animal, his closed, sulky mouth and the shamefaced way he follows your steps, as possible. To the dog, the open mouth is as necessary as are the closed lips to the cyclist; he perspires through his tongue, and exercise makes it necessary for him to yawn, to open his jaws, and hang out his tongue. To refuse him this liberty is torture, and if the muzzling order continues lovers of dogs should certainly cease to keep them in towns, where the recent heat must cause them acute agony and necessitate forced inaction. To a dog, as to a child, movement and running is life itself, added to which the sense of smell is one of the dogs' greatest qualities, and of this the muzzle deprives him entirely.

The recent strange case of poisoning at an hotel, where a number of persons partook of dinner and the fact that the cause of their illness is still unrevealed, points to a very potent danger in the increasing numbers of small restaurants, where cleanliness does not always prevail and the use of tinned meats is a custom. The very nicest tasting dish is frequently the most dangerous; it is disguised under sauces or piquant relishes until its original ingredients are entirely concealed. In India, as on board ship, cases of illness are frequent, and, no doubt, to a smaller extent, even in private houses here, too great care cannot be insisted on. There is a danger in all copper vessels that are not constantly watched, there is a danger in tinned meats, and a danger also in stale fish. How many times in a year we run these dangers, now that the practice of dining anywhere and everywhere is so common, no one can guess. But that they are dangers there is no doubt, as also that illness is frequently attributed to chills and other causes different from the real ones.

The scarcity of English cooks sends people to all kinds of curious expedients. We have been advised to employ lady cooks, outdoor helps, Swedish maids, and now, finally, Chinese cooks. I doubt if the ways and halits of Chinamen would suit us. They are not very particular as to the food they use

or how it is prepared. Neverthe-less, they are good cloks in their own country, where it appears dinners are elaborate enough to suit even the tastes of millionaires. Thirty or forty courses to include sea-dogs, shark's fins, and birds' nest soup, might pall even on the most robust appetite. Captain Younghusband, in his book, mentions some little suet dumplings so beautifully cooked that they melted in the mouth like jelly, also the stewing of some young celery, which he pronounced excellent, and a pudding made of whil ped egg and sugar of an exquisite lightness. The difficulty with Chinese cooks would appear to be their inevitable love of gambling. As soon as his duties are o'cr the Chinaman proceeds to a hell where he gambles for hours, a proceeding that would certainly not at peat to the susceptibilities of the average British householder.

Now that the exocu from town is over, and each one settles into his or her own little work, is the time for ladies to find their occupations in the country, to learn to love their homes and take pleasure in their gardens and shrubberies. Women are too apt to forget the real happiness of a garden, to leave things to their gardener, who, they think, knows best, and thus lose the delight and refreshment of mind which comes to those who practise the

culture of flowers in the right way. "A garden is a grand teacher," as one learned in it has said; "it teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all, it teaches entire trust," the quality in which this generation is most deficient. The joy of designing, of gaining knowledge, of making experiments, of registering successes is a pure and never-ending one. Few women care for poultry. Yet this is a fascinating employment. A friend of mine thins her own woods, plants them, and cuts down trees herself, so that even the dreary winter months bring their own happy hours and multiple.

The Nate Sir Dabid Chalmers

A PAINFUL sensation was created in the House of Commons on Monday night by the announcement by Mr. Chamberlain that Sir David Chalmers, who was recently sent out to Sierra Leone to report on the Hut Tax question, had died in Scotland of fever, contracted while on the West Coast of Africa. Farlier in the evening, and before he knew of the death of Sir David Chalmers, Mr.

Chamberlain had paid a warm tribute to his work. He said :-"Sir David Chalmers was selected to make an inquiry into the difficult situation which had arisen in Sierra Leone. I have not a word to say against him. He was recommended to me by his long experience of his work and his valuable public services. He was Chief Justice, and he was therefore suplosed to have, and rightly supposed to have, a judicial and impartial mind, and he patriotically agreed to go out to a country of whose climate he had some experience. It was



THE LATE SIR DAVID CHALMERS Late Chief Justice of British Guiana

there that he contracted the seeds of new disease, and he has suffered severely in consequence. Sir David Chalmers was selected as the most impartial man I could find, and I am most thankful, most grateful, to him for the inquiries he made. I think he has placed a most valuable number of facts before us; and although I have not found myself able to agree with all the conclusions at which he arrived, I am none the less sensible of the obligations I am under to him for the inquiry." Sir David Patrick Chalmers was the son of Dr. David Chalmers, M.D., and was educated at Edinburgh University. He was called to the Scottish Bar in 1866. In 1867 he was appointed Magistrate of the Gambia, and from 1869 to 1872 was Magistrate and Judicial Assessor of the Gold Coast, when he was appointed Queen's Advocate at Sierra Leone. Two years later he became Queen's Advocate at the Gold Coast Colony, and in 1876 became Chief Justice of that Colony, a post which he vacated in 1878 on his appointment to be Chief Justice of British Guana. He retired in 1895, and only undertook the inquiry into the Hut Tax question at Mr. Chamberlain's urgent request. Cur portrait is by Elliot and Fry.

The New Musical Season

PROMENADE CONCERTS

The Promenade Concerts will commence at Que-n's If 26th inst., and a week later a four-week series of Prom.; certs will start at Covent Garden. It is many years show two seasons of this so:t running simultaneously, and in that the competition will do good to both. At Queen's Hever, the concerts, as usual, will be of a higher grow customary at the Promenades. Mr. Newman and his Mr. Wood have found that in the autumn, despite the everybody is supposed to be holiday making, there existenses of carnest music lovers who will appreciate and discompany performances of a high character. According to formances will, as usual, be composed more or less up to the of the usual Queen's Hall Concerts, the lighter portions a course, left till the end.

At Covent Garden, Mr. Riseley, who has hitherto been chiefly as a director of choirs, will take the first part of a gramme, the second portion being left to M. Jacobi, who long associated with the Alhambra. Sir A. C. Mackette Hubert Parry, Dr. Stanford, Messrs. Edgar, German, Cowen, McCunn, and others, will conduct their own weeks among the artists engaged are Mcsdemes Palliser, 15 Marian Mackenzie, Messrs. Ben Davies, Watkin Mills, and The auditorium will be boarded over, the house heling in practically as for the fancy dress balls, which with the decorations will follow the Promenade Concerts and entertainments have been running about a menth.

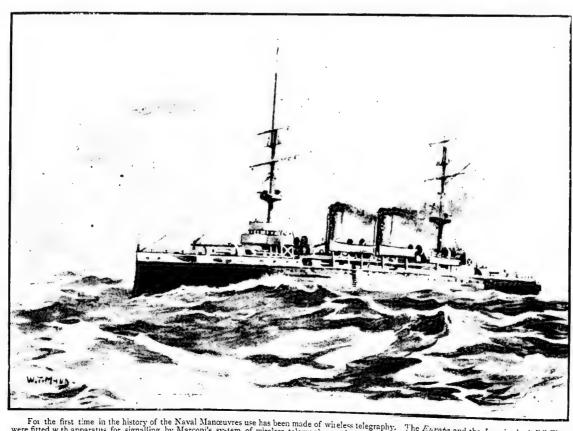
THE CONCERT SEASON

There are, however, indications that the London concerts will begin earlier than usual. Last year it was found to be driving concert engagements into November the rush was the great as in mid-season. One of the earlie the concerts at the farewell of Miss Clara Butt, at St. James's that the October 7. The popular contratto has determined to this to a lengthy tour in the United States, and this will be her and the six performances will, however, be given before Christmas, in among the engagements are MM. Sarasate, Wolf. Grand. Dawson, and Busoni, with Miss Fanny Davies, as instrument it is, and Mesdames Blanche Marchesi and Brema. Mesers, Li years Ben Davies, and Plunkett Greene as vocalists. One chord established bedvoted to Saint Saëns' Samsen et Dailla. On October 7 also the Saturday night orchestral concerts, under Mr. Miss will be resumed at St. James's Hall. This, in fact, is the week at the Norwich Festival, and immediately afterwards the musical season will begin in good earnest.

Madame Albani gives a special concert at St. James's Hall, on October 14, and on October 26 Dr. Richter commences a series of his Orchestral Concerts, this time, however, at Queen's Hall. Among the earliest of the arrivals from the Continent will be the pianist, Signor Busoni, who has for some time past been series of Berlin, and who will commence a series of pianoforte recit be it. St. James's Hall on October 20. Señor Sarasate will Elacute here at the end of Cetober, and will give his first concert in Lerdon on November 9. His performances will continue until about a week before Christmas, but he will spend the time chiefly in the Provinces, where he will give a series of violin recitals, and will also appear at most of the leading provincial concerts. At around the same time Herr Dohnányi will be here, and will commerce a series of London Pianoforte Concerts on November 1. A large number of our most prominent pianists will, howe of this season be in the United States, and indeed M. D. Pachmann has already gone to America in order, as he whimsically said, to be acclimatised before the America in season starts. M. Politicals has after all decided tot.

has after all decided to the pear in London this year. November 30 he sails but United States. Herr Kes the will, however, be here indeed, there are already by three recitals fixed for him the sails hoped some appearant the Saturday Popular Concession.

The Saturday Pops will . mence on November 11, and. the usual break at Christums. continue until Easter, So however, as the present year is cerned, there will be no Mo-Popular Concerts, although, v Dr. Joachim returns in Febr these entertainments will pall : be resumed. The usual of Ballad Concerts will take ! Hall, and a 1. at Queen's series will also be given at James's Hall, both starting in November. There will be Autumn Philharmonic Conceryear, but Mr. Robert New will begin his Saturday Concer-Queen's Hall on October 28, 2 will likewise give a special s : of Wagner concerts on Novem 13, 20, and 27, and December Herr Mottl is expected in vember, the Schulz Curtius C concerts will be resumed tow. the end of that month. We sa have eight Albert Hall concerand there will also, of course. the usual rush of single conce givers: pianists, violinists. others mostly from the Continca.



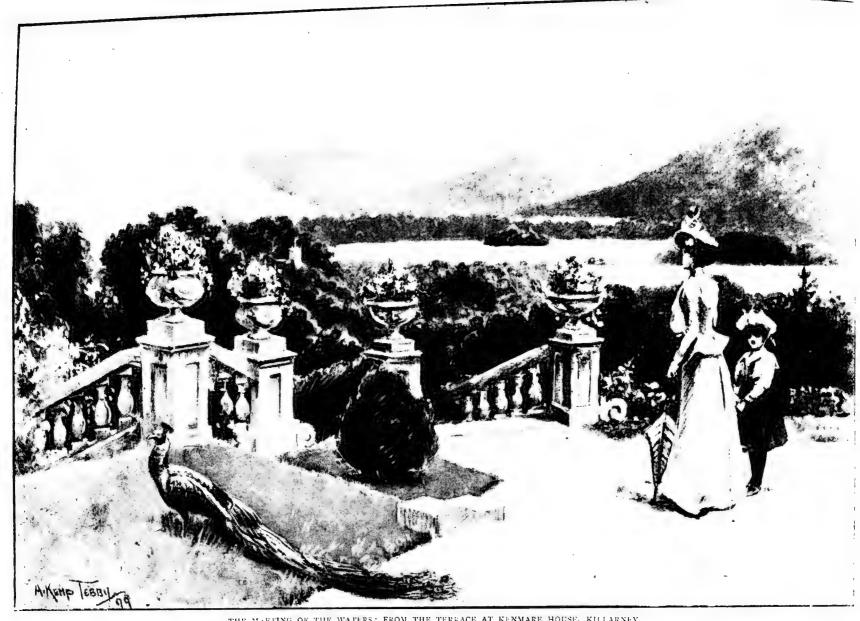
For the first time in the history of the Naval Manœuvres use has been made of wireless telegraphy. The Europa and the Juno in the "B" Fleet were fitted with apparatus for signalling by Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy, and very successful results were obtained. The Europa was sixty-six miles off when she despatched a message to the flagship announcing the safety of the convoy

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By "MARMADUKE"

THERE was an old Scotch minister who prayed every Sunday, when the House was sitting, that Parliament should be so guided as "no to do ony harm." He was a wise man whose wisdom was relieved by wit. As these lines are being written Parliament is about to be prorogued, and it is gratifying to be able to record that its labours have not committed the country to any very perilous policy.

M. de Blowitz, the able correspondent of The Times in Paris, has created a sensation by communicating to the readers of that newspaper the report that the Emperor of Russia has decided to

abdicate. This report, in a somewhat modified form, has been current for several months, but not much importance has been attached to it. The Emperor is an especially enlightened Sovereign, who has been anxious, from the very commencement of his reign, to ameliorate the position of the much oppressed hordes over whom he has been called to govern.

It was commonly known in those quarters in which foreign affairs are carefully observed, that the Emperor of Russia had several months ago almost given up in despair the object which he originally had in view. In Russia the Bureaucracy is master; the great white Tsar is but a figurehead. He has absolute power over individuals, but is powerless as regards official combinations. It would, however, be a desperate step to take for the young Emperor to al dicate the throne which he has so recently ascended. As this would disturb the foreign policy of almost every European State, it s probable that pressure will be brought to bear to prevent him from carrying out such an intention -if he has ever entertained it.

It was predicted in this column that the Peace Conference would last two months, and that Sir Julian Pauncefote would be raised to the peerage at the close of its labours. Both predictions have been fulfilled. Our Minister at The Hague, who has assisted Sir Julian at the Conference, will also be rewarded, and their subordinate colleagues will receive C.B.'s or C.M.G.'s. The Conference has supplied them all with exceptionally pleasant experiences. They have come into contact with many of the most distinguished and best trained men of the day, and their

labours have not been such that an error might have entailed serious consequences. The Conference was a diplomatic formality. Within a few months from this a multitude of busy minds and of busy pens will be occupied in summing up the events of the nineteenth century. "Men of the Century," Women of the

Century," "Gains of the Century," "Losses of the Century," "Lessons of the Century" are titles which we are destined to become familiar with. "Celebrated Beauties of the Ninetcenth Century" would be a subject which should provide ample material for the production of an especially interesting work. The Countess di Castiglione is supposed to have been the loveliest woman of the century, and there are many who maintain that the late Lady Dalhousie was the most beautiful Englishwoman of our generation.

It is not too late to obtain portraits of almost all the celebrated beauties of the past hundred years. Several pictures of the Countess di Castiglione are extant-one is, for instance, in the gallery at Holland House. The Princess of Wales, Madame de Pourtalis, and the Dowager Lady Dudley are three names which will occur to all in connection with this subject. The work should be entrusted to a committee, and should be produced without reference to expense.



The enthusiastic welcome accorded to Mr. Cecil Rhodes in Woodstock, the working-class suburb of Cape Town, on his return from England, was unbounded. Nothing like it had ever been known in South Africa. The proceedings were in the open air, and Mr. Rhodes addressed the people from a platform in front of the municipal buildings. Afterwards, on his return to his carriage, the horses were taken out and Mr. Rhodes was drawn all the way to his house by his admirers, who were almost frantic with enthusiasm. Our illustration is from a photograph by B. Fyne, Cape Town

WELCOMING MR. RHODES AT WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN, ON HIS RETURN FROM ENGLAND

It should not be overlooked that probably there have been more beautiful women this century than in any, except those which came immediately after the creation, for formerly the smallpox spoilt the majority of otherwise lovely faces.

It has been said of Americans that "when a good American dies his or her soul goes to Paris." It is easy to predict that next year all good money will go to that city, for the attractions of the forthcoming Exhibition will outweigh all others. Those who are the wisest in such matters are already hiring houses and apartments in and around Paris as a speculation, and there is every reason to suppose that most of them will derive enormous profits from their ventures. A revolution in France, or a European war, are the only two circumstances which could upset their calculations, and the French are too wise not to avoid both at a moment when the wealth of the world is about to be poured into Paris.

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A TOUR IN THE SOUTH

At this pleasant time of year, when all other studies are laid aside, one only still retains (indeed increases) its interest—social geography, the study of land and water from the point of view of health and ple isure.

The conversational opening of to day is inevitably "Where are you going for your holiday?" And in this condition of the public mood any hints, by pen or pencil, as to where to go will have at

mood any nints, by pen or pencil, as to where to go will have at least the virtue of being given at the right time.

Why not to Ireland? To the mountains, lakes, and rivers of Cork and Kerry, there on the latter's placid shores to give a first greeting to the glorious breeze, sweeping in fresh from its long ourney across the Atlantic. A breeze you may inhale with the delightful confidence that the nearest chimney-pot is 2,000 miles delightful confidence that the heatest makes the beautiful regions of away. Then, turning inland, we have the beautiful regions of Killarney and Glengariff. Imagine

the grand scenery of Scotland or Westmoreland set in and softened by the luxuriant greenness of South Devon, and you get some idea of the natural advantages that justify the celebrity of this romantic district.

This south-west corner of Ireland has long been known to the few, but is now made comfortably accessible to the many, thanks to the enterprise of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company and the Southern Hotels Company.

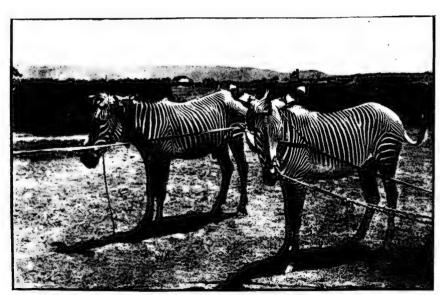
The tour can be varied to any extent, but the chief centres of attraction, which can only be passed by at the cost of subsequent regret, are Glengariff, charmingly situated at the head of a reep fjord, dotted with little isl ids. and beyond, enclosing all, a horseshoe of blue mountains. Moreover, it is a happy land for the sportsman, with plenty of shooting and fishing. Then Parknasilla, an exquisite spot, the merits of which may be judged by the fact that some dare to call it a rival to Glengariff; and finally, and chiefly, the queen of all, Killarney, a paradise of mountains, valleys, and lakes, from the sternest mountain scenery, as in the Gap of Dunloe, to the soft, gentle beauty of "The Meeting of the Waters." But even these are only accessories to the chief beauty of all, the Upper and Lower Lakes, the glimpse of which from this spot, or the panorama from that, providing indeed a large share of the

del ghtfulness of every expedition.

The best start!ng-point for this tour is Cork, from which train is taken to Bantry, and there the coach will be found to convey the traveller to Glengariff; another coach proceeds from there to Killarney, breaking the journey at Kenmare, which interesting old town gives an opportunity to see something of Irish peasant life, especially if the tourist chances to go through on market day. This town is the centre from which the coaching can be continued direct to Killarney, or another coach can be taken to Parknasilla,

Waterville, and Caragh Lake.

Most holiday-makers will be satisfied to allow Killarney to remain their last impression; but, if time permits, a very pleasant detour may be made by taking train to Limerick and Killaloe, and thence, by one of the well-appointed steamers of the Shannon Development Company, through the hundred miles of varied lake and river scenery to Dromod (county Leitrim).



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THERE has been fierce controversy of late over the action taken by the Florence municipality with regard to the demolition and by the Florence manicipality with regard to the demonition and reconstruction of the old centre of Florence. This quarter is the most ancient part of the city. It was a labyrinth of narrow, crooked lanes spanned by arches joining the houses on opposite sides of the street hardly an arm's breadth away, and filthy alleys, where poilther emplified part the city street-sweeners' broom over where neither sunlight nor the city street-sweepers' broom ever

stone blocks of ancient palaces which conserved their original form and ornamentations, and were still noted for their severe beauty. Often the extreme height of buildings in comparison with their neighbours betrayed the antique towers, rough strongholds of feudal citizens, while here and there a graceful window, frequently half walled up, an elegant doorway or a tabernacle testified to a once glorious evistence. The spot was haunted by a host of artistic, legendary, and historical memories, for here Roman Florence, from which the thirteenth century poets and chroniclers vaunted their descent, had its origin. There stood the Campidoglio, the Forum, and the temples of the mythological gods, long since buried under the foundations of palaces which formed a part of the city within the antique walls

But the forest of towers, already ruined or demolished for the greater part by the Ghibellines, in 1260, the innumerable palaces and the graceful "Loggie," which served as a meeting place either for business or for marriage ceremonies and festivals, the guild-houses of the various arts which formed the solid foundation of the riches of democratic Florence, had nearly all disappeared, after Cosimo the First caused the Ghetto to be constructed from plans by Buontalenti. It was an enormous quarter, which, in 1571, by Cosimo's orders, was reserved a a place of confinement and shelter for the Jews. From that time, filth, misery, and the inclemency of the weather have indelibly set their seal on the remains of the ancient centre, while



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penetrated, and which teemed with noisome heaps of accumulated refuse.

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In more than one place the scaling plaster revealed the massive

sung of by Dante, who mentions in his great poem the families who had their dwelling-place there-houses now, alas, being rapidly torn down and thrown to the four winds by the merciless pick and hammer of the destroyers. Here the Tornaquinci, the Elisei from whom Dante descended, the Medici, and many other famous families, some of them descended from the ancient feudal nobles who had come into the city to live, fought out their feuds, planned grim vengeance on enemies, and slowly rose to wealth and power during the glorious days of the Florentine Republic. apart from a swarm of pedlars and second-hand dealers of every species, a rabble of thieves, assassins, and worse characters made their haunts where once lived the households of Farinata and

Thus while regretting the abolition of a quarter full of so many memories, the Florentines could not for hygienic, moral and economic reasons, allow the Ghetto to remain intact any longer, and hence the decision which has raised such a storm of protest on the Continent and in England.



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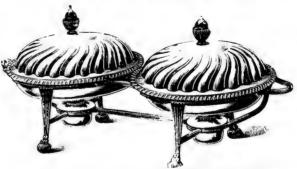
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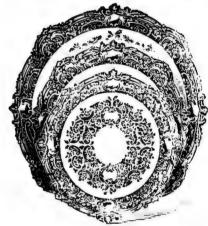


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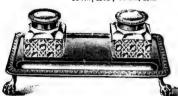
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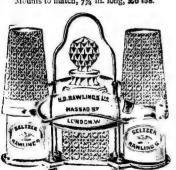
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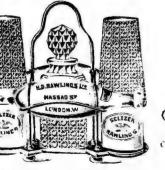


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There is no reason why the more important palaces and houses, those in the style of the noble architecture of the Mercato Nuovo, the Palazzo dei Vecchietti, and the Palazzo Davanzati, should not have been rebuilt in the same style from the original plans, while their artistic ornamentations could have been preserved, as they are now, in the Museum of San Marco, in the courtyard especially given

up for that purpose.

The Piazza Vittorio Emmanuele, for instance, if the scheme of imitating the mediæval architecture had been followed, would have been far more artistic than at present, with its tasteless "barocco" buildings, which no amount of time will ever tone down to harmony with the rest of the city. The Palazzo Lavidson is a perfect example of what such restoration means and one cannot perfect example of what such restoration means, and one cannot deny taste or ability to the Florentine architects who designed the

deny taste or ability to the Florentine architects who designed the façade of the cathedral and the stairway of the Pitti Gallery.

The disastrous financial condition of Florence is more or less to blame for the cheap constructions of modern days. Twenty years ago, when the capital was transferred to Rome, the city suffered a blow to its commercial prosperity from which it has never recovered, and now it finds itself face to face with financial and hydronic problems such as are concerned in the demolition of the hygienic problems such as are concerned in the demolition of L. old centre, desired as far back as 1841. The city government invoked the so-called law of "sventramento," which had already been applied to Naples, and by which the city purchased at the lowest possible price the quarters to be demolished, and in return correct that the pay streets and sources should be of a specified agreed that the new streets and squares should be of a specified width and size.

Some of the more important measuments of the Gheito, such as the Davanzati Palace and the guild house of the Arte della Lana, have been spared, and many other quarters of antique palaces, with half-blocked windows, curious towers and picturesque tabernacles still remain. Such, indeed, are the beautiful Loggia degli Alberti, or the graceful Loggia d' Rucellai, both transformed into very democratic cases, while neither citizen nor stranger cries out against the profunction, and the Artistic Commission silently ignores against the profanation, and the Artistic Commission silently ignores

their existence. A new artistic movement is being agitated in Florence, and thus future damage can be prevented to a certain extent. The association, which has for its aim the conservation of ancient Florence, should devote all its energies to restoring the primitive character of the famous houses and palaces lining many of the most historical streets which are not menaced by any moral or hygienic

Strangers may reassure themselves that Florence has lost nought of her beauty, nor the Florentines their sense of patriotism or artistic intuition. The restorations already effected to the "Salone dei Duecento" and the campaniles of Santa Maria Novella, Santo Spirito and the l'adia are direct refutations of the charge of vandalism.—Our illustrations are from photographs by Brogi.

New Movels

A NEW CLARISSA

ALL who remember Sydney C. Grier's "In Furthest Ind"-and to have read it is to remember it—will appreciate what is implied in saying that its author, in "Like another Helen" (Blackwood and Sons), has given it a rival. Much excellent work from the same pen has filled up the time between the two novels, but none that approaches in value to either. That which is now before us has the

same convincing actuality as its predecessor, the same inseparable blending of personal with historic interest, the same marvellous reproduction of the very thoughts and feelings as well as the manners and language of the past, and the same masterly unconventionality of fanguage of the past, and the same mastery from. The core of the story is the Black Hole of Calcutta. But while, form, this respect, fiction can add nothing to fact, even that "world's tragedy" is the more tragically impressive as an experience of one who makes herself so intimately known and loved as that "other Helen," Sylvia Freyne. Sylvia lived when all the world was still weeping over the woes of Richardson's Clarissa; and she was doubtless, therefore, not the only young lady of the period who imitated the model for all young ladies by exchanging minute



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autobiographical correspondence with some other Miss Anna Howe. These letters from Sylvia Freyne in India to her school friend in England, Miss Amelia Turnor, practically constitute the novel; and wonderfully charming, vivid, and self-portraying letters they are.
They tell, first, of the writer's experiences as the belle and toast of Calcutta; then they gradually let us see how the intrigues and complications that well-nigh lost us our foothold in Bengal had more to do with the charm and beauty of Miss Freyne than she herselt could guess or than historians have hitherto discovered; then follow her strange adventures as a survivor of the Black Hole, her captivity by the French renegade who corresponds to the Lovelace of her prototype, and her almost marvellous deliverance (in time for the triumph of Plassy) by a naval officer who as assuredly stands for Sir Charles Grandison as she for Clarissa Harlowe. What with the most dramatic chapter in the whole history of our Empire worthily treated, with the piquant adaptation of seventeenth century romance to the requirements of modern readers, with the humour as well as the tragedy of Anglo-Indian life a hundred and fifty years ago, and with Sylvia's own delightful personality, the novel stands out with a distinction such as is not obtained once in many

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE MARQUISE"

"The Philosophy of the Marquise" de Rabutin (Grant Richards), as set forth by Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes, is just the book to make a vacant hour pass quickly and pleasantly. The philosophy is of the most practical order, showing how a woman with tact, and able to resist the temptation to let people know she has it, may, all unsuspected, twist people round her finger just as she pleases. All this is shown, not by anything that can be called a story, but by a sparkling ripple of dialogue carried through a series of scenes, more in the manner of a comedy for the stage than of a novel. The In the manner of a content for the stage that of a novel. The Frenchness of the Marquise gives additional piquancy to the humours of the English country house, whose occupants follow her will in the fond belief that it is their own. We should say that Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes has obtained her literary mantle at the same establishment as "Gyp," and it unquestionably becomes her.

"STUFF O' THE CONSCIENCE"

Lily Thicknesse's "Stuff o' the Conscience" (Harper and Brothers) tells how Roland Withington, the renowned actormanager of the Coliseum Theatre, whose mere existence was a charm and a peril to every she-creature, from Royalty downward, effaced himself, to the whole world's wonder, in mid-career, and vanished—nobody knew where. Need we suggest, once more, cherchez la femme? For not only had the brilliant Roland an unappreciative wife, but was in close professional intimacy with Benita Norton, an actress who, at the zenith of a career well-nigh as great as his own, retired into the laborious obscurity of typewriting lest her virtue should not remain proof against the fascination of his passion. At such high tension do the two live and suffer that the neglect of Miss Thicknesse to remove Mrs. Withington by railway accident or otherwise seems rather cruel. As a theatrical novel, from a somewhat idealised standpoint, the novel will have interest for many.

"CALUMNIES"

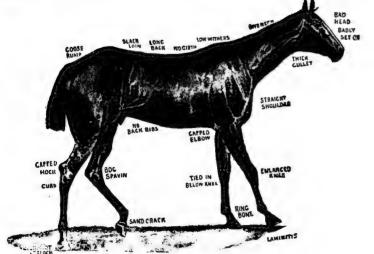
Calumnies are less the subject of E. M. Davy's story with that title (C. Arthur Pearson) than ill-natured gossip with an unusally considerable amount of foundation. Nor can we think it would have gone far to part so really well-suited a couple as Harold and Doris Lee had their two heads contained sense for one. But the story is quite up to the average, and is nicely enough told.

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sition is the right one.

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century' (sen'tū-ri), n.; pl. centuries (-riz). [<
F. centurie=Sp. Pg. It. centuria, < L. centuria,
an assemblage or division consisting of a hundred units, as a company of a hundred soldiers,
a division of the people, etc. (not in the sense
of 'a hundred years,' for which seculum was
used: see secular), < centum=E. hundred.] 1.
In a general sense, a hundred; anything consisting of a hundred in number.

And when

With wild wood-leaves and weeds I ha'strew'd his grave, And on it said a century of prayers, Such as I can, twice o'er, I'll weep and sigh.

Shak., Cymbeline, iv. 2.

Shak, Cymbeline, iv. 2.

How many of the century of graduates sent forth from our famous University every year . . . are able to read with monerate relish and understanding one of the Tusculan Disputations?

Dr. J. Brown, Spare Hours, 3d ser., p. 44.

Specifically—2. In Rom. antiq.: (a) A division of the people (originally so called, probably, with reference to the approximate number of its members, though there was no fixed limit), instituted by Servius Tullius, formed with reference to the description of the leave of marginal states of the service of erence to taxation and to the election of magistrates and enactment of laws. All the citizens were divided into classes according to their wealth, and each of the classes was divided into from 10 to 40 senior and junior centuries, according to age, in all 193 cr 114. Bach century had one vote in the comitia centuriata, the wealthier classes voting first and generally controlling the others. (b) A subdivision of the legion, correspond to the subdivision of the legion, correspond to the subdivision of the legion. sponding to a modern military company of infantry, and consisting nominally of a hundred

fantry, and consisting nominally of a hundred men. Prior to the rule of Marius the century was half of a maniple, and contained normally 100 men, each century having in addition 20 light-armed troops. After the military reform of Marius the old distinctions of arms in the legion were abolished; the century was still the half of the maniple, but its normal quota of men was increased. Under the empire the regular force of the century was 110 men. See legion.

Mac. Know you what store of the prætorian soldiers Sejanus holds about him for his guard?

Lac. I cannot the just number; but I think Three centuries.

B. Jonson, Sejanus, v. 3.

(c) An allotment of land of varying size; especially, the area of land allotted to soldiers in a conquered country.—3. A period of one hundred years, reckoned from any starting-point as, a century of national independence; a cen-

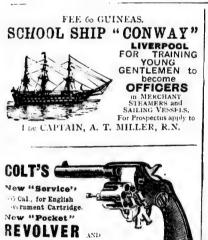
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as, a century of national independence; a century of oppression. Specifically, one of a number of hundred-year periods, reckoned either forward or backward from some recognized era. Thus the first century of the Christian era began with the year a. n. I and extended to the end of the year 100; the third century began with 201 and ended with 300; and the eighteenth century began with 1701 and ended with 1800, the year completing the hundred-year period in each instance giving name to the century. When used absolutely, without explanatory adjunct of any kind, then centuries of the Christian era are always meant. The centuries of the Christian era are always meant. The centuries of the Christian era and those after Christ are reckoned loward: as, the fourth century B. C. (170m 301 B. C. backward to 400).

One crash, the death-hymn of the perfect tree, Declares the close of its green century.

Emerson, Woodnotes, i.

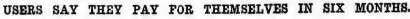
Centuries of Magdeburg, a title given to an ecclesiastical his ory of the first 1,300 years of the Christian era, in which the records of each century occupy a volume, compiled by a number of Protestants at Magdeburg. It was published at Basel, 1560-74.



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Sotes from the Magazines

WHY RUSSIA IS INCREASING HER ARMAMENTS

THE Nineteenth Century opens with an interesting article by Field-Marshal Sir Lintorn Simmons, which he has written in response to a request from a Russian editor that he would give his views on the military system of England. Instead of giving his views on the military system of England, for the benefit of Russia, he indulges in some sound criticism of Russian armaments. He suggests that the present 9,000,000/. allotted for the increase of the navy of Russia would be better employed for the improvement of commercial enterprise or alleviating the distress of the wretched inhabitants of the several large provinces in which famine has for long prevailed, and where the people are now dying by thousands from its effects. Russia, again, is so vast and so situated geographi-

cally, that no Power is likely to attack her, and she has less to fear in this way than any other Power in the world. "If the means required for her defence were strictly gauged by the probabilities and possibilities of attack, Russia is the only one of the Great Powers which could reduce her military forces to a vast extent without the slightest risk." Why then, the writer asks, is she increasing her army and navy so prodigiously at the very time that the Tsar is so earnest in impressing upon all the Powers of the world the advantages of peace and the necessity of not adding to their military forces.

not adding to their military forces.

The answer is that although the Tsar is the nominal head of the Government of Russia, and no doubt sincere in his aspirations for peace, he is in reality in the hands of those who, holding him in leading strings, have designs for enlarging the Empire in several directions by conquest, and, generally speaking, to their own advantage. China, in consequence of her decrepitude, is the immediate and main object of their attentions. Russia's power in China depends, at the present moment, upon a military force of about 120,000 men, who have all been brought there by sea, and who are entirely dependent upon the sea for all reinforcements and for guns, ammunition and stores, which are being transported thither in great quantities as fast as can be done, in the hope and with the intention of establishing her position in sufficient strength to enable her to hold her own until the Trans-Siberian railway shall be completed. When this shall have been done and the military base of creations in Man buria firmly established, China, unless in the meant me she shall have organised a military force can, the of meeting Russian soldiers in the field, will become a vassal, if not to a great extent a part, of the Russian Fmpire. Neither Great Britain nor any other European Power can prevent this consummation of Russia's efforts.

China alone can prevent it by organising an army upon European micriples; but it behoves her to lose no time in strengthening her Empire by so doing, because, when the great Trans-Siberian railway shall have been completed and is in working order to Manchuria, the Russian army, now 100,000 strong, most of whom are in occupation of that province, will have thus become independent of all communication by sea with its base and arsenals in Europe.

INTERCEPTED CORRESPONDENCE

A very interesting chapter in the United Service Magazine is that in which Colonel Sir G. S. Clarke deals with the private correspondence of Bonaparte's Egyptian Expedition. It will be remembered that after the Battle of the Nile a mass of correspondence intended for France was captured by England, and extraordinary though the conduct of the authorities now seems in having it published, it is deeply interesting. As the writer says, "There is no more accurate gauge of the condition of a force engaged in military operations than private letters conveying the daily impressions of

the officers and men and written solely for the information of wives and friends at home. On such letters rather than on the despatches of the commanders will the historian prefer to rely; but they are rarely available, and there is probably only a single instance of a collected correspondence, the unconscious testimony of many writers of varied rank and capacity, covering a peculiarly interesting period." The correspondence is certainly full of vivid little touches, period to the correspondence in the dreadful action of the 1st inst.," writes one soldier after the Battle of the Nile, "is a calamity which leaves us here as children totally lost to the mother country. Nothing but peace can restore us to her. But, grac ous heavens! how much will this incomparable victory raise the pretensions of the English!" Certain letters from Adjutant-General Boyer give a curious picture of the French soldier of the First Republic as he appealed to this very able officer.

I have seen enough to be convinced that it is not with soldiers that colonies are founded, above all not with soldiers such as ours. . . . They are terrible



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in the field, terrible after victory, and without contradiction the most intrepid troops in the world; but they are not formed for distant expeditions. A word dropped at random will dishearten them. They are lazy, capricious, and exceedingly turbulent and licentious in their conversation. They have behard to say as their officers passed by, "Les voila, les bourreaux des Français," and a thousand other words of this nature.

Even more interesting than this, though, is the insight shown by another officer, Adjutant-General Lacuée, when he writes of

This country is nothing at present. It merely offers magnificent recollections of the past and vast but distant hopes of the future. It is not worth conquering in its present condition; but if statesmen, above all, if able administrators should undertake the management of it for ten years . . . it might become the most valuable colony of Europe, and effect an important change in the commerce of the world. . . . But where are they—there able administrators? We have, indeed, the man capable of giving the first strong impulse, but not a soul equal to its administration.

One more quotation and that from a humourist. He, Girez by

name, refers in a letter to a friend of a "famous descent of the name, reters in a letter to a friend of a "lamous descent of the English upon the French coast. . . . They landed with 10,000 men, of whom 4,500 were taken prisoners, 1,500 killed, and the rest put to flight." Warming to his subject he continues:—

These islanders ought to be well beaten; they should have stayed in their wooden houses. These animals descend, I think, in a straight line from Mores who taught them the use of the sea. They ought to confine themselves that for the instant they get on land, they prove themselves to be a very stupid $r_{\rm dec}$.

KLONDYKE ILLUSIONS

Mr. Ernest Williams, in his article on Klondyke in the Nation of does much to destroy illusions, if any have illusions still, alout it fortunes to be made in that very unattractive country. "Peop. talk of Klondyke as if it were quite one of the most important factors in the world's gold industry. But the total output from Yukon last year only equalled 4 per cent. of the world's total on

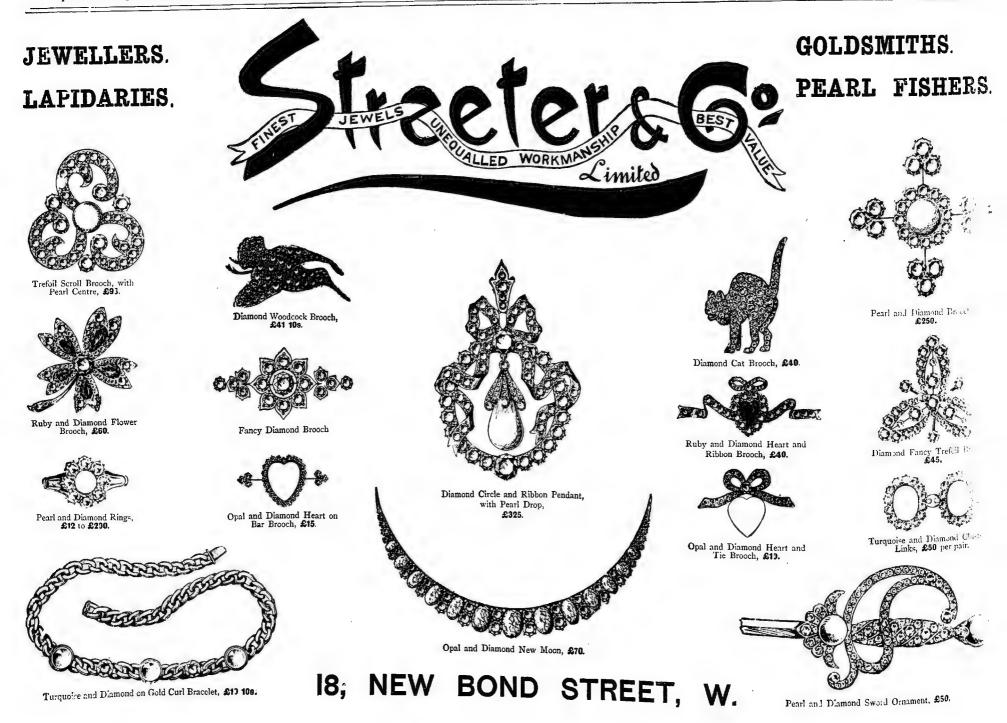
Colorado and California each produced full a fifth more than Klondyke. Western Australia produced twice as much; Russia about two and half times as much; while a comparison with : Rand shows Klondyke in a very modest light 15,134,115% against about 2,400,000%. It is been estimated again that up to the 1898 sea-. thirty thousand persons went to, or started for Klondyke, and that less than a seventh of the number got any gold out of the district at all, is furthermore doubtful if more than a small portion of these four thousand adventurers cleared the expenses. On the other hand it is estimated that in spite of the roughness and privations of the lives, the thirty thousand pilgrims paid in : aggregate at least ten millions sterling for the pilgrimage. It seems rather a poor piece a Lusiness, to put ten millions into a concern, or to get out less than four millions.

Nde Bill

LAST week we published a letter from Miss Octavia Hill appealing for funds to complete the purchase for the public use of part of Ide Hill, Kent, which is for sale. Ide Hill is one of the most beautiful hillsides in Kent, commanding a magnificent view over the Weald and of the Ashdown Forest range,

with glimpses of the South Downs in clear weather. The accompanying view of the hill is taken from the western side at a point between Toys Hill and Ide Hill, looking east. It shows Ide Hill Church, the trees in the vicarage garden bounding the site proposed to be acquired by the National Trust, and the whole of the site itself.

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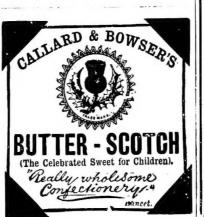
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THE DROUGHT

EMPTY wells in the shires and an almost dried-up Thames make it impossible to ignore the existence of a serious drought. Yet the rainfall for the seven completed months of 1899 has been 15.28 inches, which is at the rate of 26. 9 inches per annum. Now the real average in England is a little difficult to fix as the number of years taken varies. If we take the "British Almanac's" average of the last sixteen years, 24-27 inches, we find that recent receipts have been actually above the mean, but if we take the average of a quarter of a century, which is 26-58 inches, an average has not quite been equalled. The sixteen years' period just misses some very wet years which the quarter of a century just secures. The average of half a century is 25.66 inches. Whichever figures we take, a rainfall of 15.28 inches in the past seven months cannot be called a drought or anything approaching thereto. The curious fact is that we are now suffering from last year's drought! This, which seems a jest, is literal and meteorological truth. The rainfall of 1898 was only 18:67 inches at Greenwich, 19:10 inches at Hammersmith, 20-30 inches at the Botanical Gardens, and this six-inch deficit has not been made up since. That is the clue to the existing situation. The good rainfall of winter and the low evaporation give a delicient year six months' credit in the way of moisture, but if the deficiency is not made up by the end of July the bill falls due in the form of a serious summer drought.

NEW WHEAT

From what we have seen of the new crop the wheat of 1899 will

be of fair but not heavy weight, perhaps a mean of 62 lb, to the bushel against a Government average of 60 lb, and a Mark Lane average of 63 lb. The average weight of last year's crop was fully 63 lb. to the bushel, but the Government's view of the matter, though always regarded as pessimistic by the good wheat districts, has to include the west and south-west with Wales regions, where the cultivation of wheat is markedly inferior to that of the opulent arable country on which London draws for its supplies. The quality of the new wheat is excellent, and it is likely to show a richness in gluten which will be highly satisfactory to bakers. The securing of it in hot, dry weather makes for good milling condition, and it will require a smaller mixture than usual of strong foreign wheat in order to make the ideal loaf. The yield per acre is a difficult matter to guess, but in Kent it may be from 32 to 33 bushels and in Surrey as much as in Kent. In Surrey 30 to 31 bushels may be secured, and the same in Hampshire and Dorset. In other counties the harvest itself is too little advanced for an estimate of the yield to be attempted.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

Apart from the wheat fields the farmers' outlook may be summed up in three broad divisions. The first is that of the crops which are doing really well. These include a fair amount of fine barley land, quite half the area devoted to beans and peas, and, perhaps, two-thirds of the hop gardens. The second is that of the crops concerning which hope is entertainable. These embrace potatoes, mangolds, swedes and cabbage where grown as a field cr r. last list is that of crops which cannot possibly be anything like an average. These consist of the later hay, the turnips, the orchards and the oats. The bad luck of the farmer over the orchards is most

vexatious, for if April and May had not given us nine consecutive weeks of under-average heat, the ruin of the blossoms, the subsequent steady fine weather would have made 1899 a year of truly colossal fruit production. Here and there a tree which somehow escaped the April-May visitation shows what the year as a whole might have been. Oats, in England at all events, will be a very short crop, worse, we fancy, than in 1893, and certainly worse than in 1896. But Ireland may have a forty bushel yield. Scotland hoped for an average oat crop up to the middle of July, but since then the drought has materially reduced expectations.

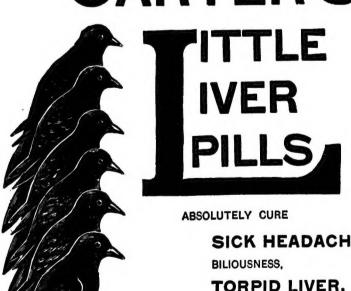
THE JULY HAY CROP

Owing to the scarcity of labour the hay harvest was late in being completed. It is, however, now over, and the result admits of being measured. Having been secured in good order there will be little waste, and as the rainfall of May and June amounted to 4.15 inches in the nine weeks it was not withered by drought as have been the pastures since. We may, therefore, reckon that in counties not excessively droughty, and where hay is usually well grown, there will be 24 to 26 cwt. to the acre. In this area we should include the whole of the west and south-west. In the northwest 30 to 40 cwt. are spoken of, and a Chester correspondent reckons 40 cwt. for all the Dee-side region, though not more than 30 cwt. for the uplands of Wales, or more than 15 to 16 cwt. for the absolutely mountainous districts, say 1,500 ft. elevation and upwards. We doubt if in the home counties more than a clear ton per acre has been obtained from the permanent pasture, or more than 25 cwt. from the clover, sainfoin, and grasses under rotation. The average production (ten past years) in Kent is 26.81 cwt. from the changing and 20.94 from the permanent pastures.



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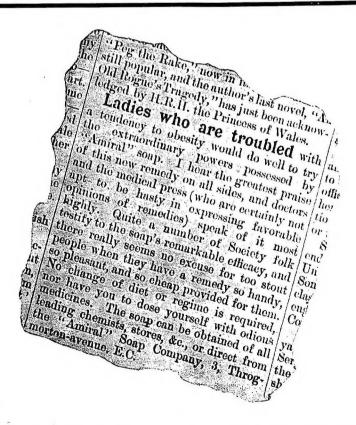
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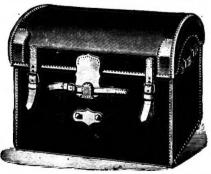
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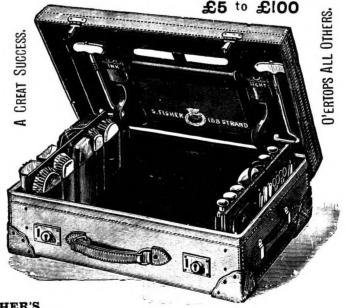


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